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Celebration 90 - the Largest Gay Games Ever

Team Sacramento's Board of Directors Norm Frohwein, Paul Coke, Anna Harrison, and Mark Harrison are ready for Celebration 90.

by **Sara Myers**

With the number of participants now nearing 9,000, Celebration '90 -- the Gay Games being held in Vancouver from August 4th through llth -- is being hailed by many as *the* gay event of the year.

The primary purpose of the event is competition in sports, 29 different ones to be exact, ranging from badminton and golf to power lifting and wrestling. But this year's celebration is more than just a major sports event, it is truly a cultural festival. In addition to the athletics, plays, a film festival, dances, a crafts fair, and a literary festival offering a dazzling array of workshops is scheduled.

Celebration Centre

Located at B.C. Enterprise Centre and Plaza of Nations, 760 Pacific Boulevard (former B.C. Pavilion site of Expo '86) is the Celebration Centre, the social heart of the games. In addition to handling registration of athletes, the centre will offer general games information and city and tourist information from August 6th through llth. Food, beer, wine, and non-alcoholic beverages will be available for purchase there, and entertainment will be offered as well. A disco will be open from 8:00

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AIDS Conference Brings Protests

by **Kate Moore**

Protests at the 6th International Conference on AIDS brought media attention to the anger expressed by AIDS activists.

The displays of civil disobedience allowed the 11,000 physicians, scientists, and researchers who attended, to show support with their concerns.

The boycott of the Conference by many international AIDS agencies was due to the U.S. government's policy of excluding HIV infected foreigners from entering this country. Support for this boycott was wide spread, those who attended the Conference wore red arm bands to show their disagreement with the U.S. policy and support of the boycott. June Osborn, Dean of the School of Public Health in Michigan commented, "I'm embarrassed as an American that our country, whose tradition serves as a proud beacon for emerging democracies should persist in such a misguided and irrational current policy".

At the opening ceremonies speaker after speaker denounced the government's limits on entrance into the county, while activists gathered outside to demand Conference entry for people with AIDS and to vent their anger over the

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An activist shouts as police arrest him at Moscone Center.

ACTING UP Over State Budget Cuts

With the anticipation of budget cuts in AIDS funding and social services, ACT UP members and hundreds of physically disabled men, women and children protested at the capitol July 15 and 16.

During the Sunday afternoon action the men and women of ACT UP held an unauthorized rally and die-in on the west steps of the Capitol. As they staged the protest in front of the building, tourists and state police watched with interest as the activists chanted "One AIDS death every 10 minutes" and smeared theatrical "blood" on themselves. Spokesperson Eric Ciasullo, shouted at the capitol, "We demand a budget

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really !!! I MUST SAY!

Greedy Gregg

If I asked you for a cash donation of $250 to $1,250 solely to increase my personal wealth, would you send it? I am appalled at the arrogance of Gregg Lukenbill in requesting the financial support of Sacramentan's to make his personal dream come true. After all, Lukenbill is not promising a public service to the city, nor even a percentage of the fortune he stands to make by bringing a major league sports team to Sacramento. He is apparently hoping that we will buy into his contention that we will all gain by having another sports team in residence. What we never actually hear is what specifically those gains will mean to the average citizen. Really, how has your life been improved by having the Kings, one of the worst basketball teams in the NBA, in Sacramento? The contention, of course, is that Sacramento will make the final hurdle toward becoming a "first class city" only when a major league baseball or football team comes here, an argument I find ridiculous. Seriously, is Green Bay, Wisconsin a city you dream of moving to because they have a football team? Would you think less of New York, Chicago, or San Francisco if they had no teams? Perhaps if Lukenbill truly was concerned about making Sacramento a first class city he would request donations for local schools, homeless, or medical services for the poor. By giving the impression that Sacramentan's are stupid enough to fall for his scheme, Lukenbill is succeeding in bringing our city to the forefront -- as the laughing stock of the nation.

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Local Media Shuns Sacto. Gay Pride

Editor,

When an editor at the Sacramento Bee was asked why the Bee didn't cover our Gay/-Lesbian Freedom Fair, she said we are "invisible". We don't exist! We are non-entities!

The 7,000 + human beings who attended the Fair, one of the largest gatherings in Sacramento, certainly weren't invisible. I believe that the 30,000 plus gay subscribers to the Bee and their families and friends should call and write the Bee to let them know in no uncertain terms that we are not invisible. Let them know that our money certainly is not invisible!

Channel 10 "conveniently lost" the Public Service announcement about the Fair. The other media said there was too much other "news" to cover that day. What?! Do they mean that a crowded munching fair is more important than 7,000 people struggling for freedom and their very existence?

None of the local media covered the Sacramento contingency in the S.F. Parade. Kim Mueller, a beautiful human being, was the first major straight local politician to join us in the parade. The media instead chose to do as they always do, show a few drag queens, thus perpetuating the unfounded myth that all gay men are into drag. Drag queens are good people, but, they only represent a small portion of the gay/lesbian community. Come on, media, show a little imagination and initiative and fairness in your reporting!

You can bet that if a few gays were having sex in the public rest room the press would be there. The straight press loves to discredit millions of people for the actions of a few idiots. Bigotry sells. They don't care who they hurt as long as the money flows in. Call the straight media and let them know you don't care for their brand of prejudiced reporting. Don't bother with the Union. They are so hopelessly paranoid and prejudiced, nothing can help them. They are going bankrupt because bigotry is a bankrupt policy. Better yet, fight bigotry in the media by joining GLAAD/SAC. Call our hotline: 552-1935.

John D. Helm

Different Methods Same Ultimate Goal

Editor,

If there is anything more important that the advancement of our community than free speech, I don't know what it is. We have a right to live our lives the way we do in this country precisely because our Constitution protects our right to express ourselves as individuals and as a group with common goals and needs. That is why it seems incongruent that our Town Council voted to have its members "voluntarily" restrict that expression so as to preserve the image that we are a unified community.

We may all be unified to a common goal, but we don't all share the same methods of getting there. That is why the Town Council was formed; to provide an open forum for all to speak and be heard. Inherent in such an environment will be disagreement of other's ideas, methods, and priorities, but that is why we come together to discuss these things; so we can find our common ground where it exists and work together. It is not necessarily a bad thing for groups in this community to disagree. We can grow and learn from each other. But only if all points of view can be heard.

Certainly, we have an interest in presenting a unified front to the larger society. But when we disagree, whose ideas will be presented as representing all of us? Who do we "elect" to be our spokespersons if we choose not to speak for ourselves? And what if we really do strongly disagree with the person or group who gets the attention of the media and decides to make a state for us that goes against our own personal philosophy? Should we defer our views in the interest of a false perception of unity?

The Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation, Sacramento (GLAAD/SAC) is a member of the Town Council. We exist to advance the truthful, honest, accurate, and fair representation of our people in the media. We cannot do our jobs if we are censored by others or by ourselves. We certainly do support our brothers and sisters in all the other organizations. We know we are working for the same cause. But sometimes we may have to speak up and disagree. We think that's a good thing - to openly discuss our differences, to work them out, or even just agree to disagree.

There is diversity without our community. That is what we celebrate as gay and lesbian people -- the right to be different, to express ourselves as individuals. It's important that we don't lose that in our fight for our civil rights; else what would we have won?

Mary Smith,
Media Co-Chair
GLAAD/SAC

Tobacco Gets More Attention Than AIDS

Editor,

A recent letter writer suggested that nobody seemed to be doing anything about tobacco deaths, compared AIDS deaths to tobacco deaths, and called on the gay and lesbian community to do more for anti-tobacco education than for AIDS prevention.

Proposition 99, which was approved by voters in November 1988, increased taxes on

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LETTERS!

The latest ISSUE welcomes letters on any subject. Be sure to include your name and phone number for verification. We will not print your name if you wish to remain anonymous.

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AROUND TOWN

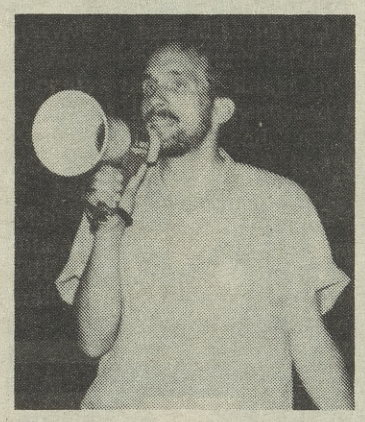
Warford's Life Remembered

Local gay rights/AIDS activist, Tim E. Warford, died Thursday July 28 due to complications resulting from AIDS.

Tim was well known and respected for his many contributions to the gay and lesbian community and his dedication to his work in the field of AIDS.

Tim Warford accomplished many great things in the short 30 years of his life. He was co-founder and executive director of the Lambda Community Fund, Director of the Stop AIDS Project of Sacramento and was on the 1989 - 90 county grand jury. He was the co-author of the Sacramento gay rights ordinance which protects the city's gay and lesbian community from discrimination in the area of employment and housing. In 1982 Tim, along with James Graham and Gene Hosingtron published the gay newspaper The Sacramento Star. The Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Annual AIDS Bowl-A-Thon, one of the most successful fundraising endeavors was the brain-child of Mr. Warford while he was employed by the Foundation.

Tim's great ability as an organizer and grant writer allowed the Lambda Community Center to build a strong base of services and programs. Rev. Jerry Sloan of the Community center commented at the memorial service that "Tim's battle is over. We have inherited it. We must redouble our efforts to move our government to fight AIDS and all diseases."



Tim Warford.

Tim is survived by his lover Stephen Dane, parents Ronald and Obera Warford, brothers Tom and Terry and sisters Shirley Anderson and Sandy Van Horn of Lincoln.

Police Arrest 70 Men at 10th Street Beach

by **Nancy Butchy**

A longtime social spot for gay and bisexual men along the American River has been the sight of police arrests of over 70 men for open sex acts.

The arrests at the "Gay Beach" at 10th Street and the American River is a result of numerous community complaints. The complaints originating from local business operators reported that their workers can openly view public sex and sexual conduct on the beach and in parked cars.

Gay and anti-gay graffiti litters the walls of local businesses and sexually explicit notes have reportedly been found on cars of employees. "Condoms, underwear and other items have been left in the area" said Deputy Police Chief Lee Dohm, the department's liaison with the gay community.

City Councilwoman Heather Fargo was appealed to take action on the public displays of sex by the business operators in her district.

Councilwoman Fargo states that some have complained that the gay community was unfairly targeted. "I don't think that's the case, the concern basically is illegal public sex. It doesn't matter who is doing it." she said.

The "gay beach" attracts a wide variety of men from the gay and straight community. Married men looking for a gay "fling", legislative analysts, school teachers, who are in the closet and are afraid to enter known gay establishments were among those arrested. "It was one of the only places I felt safe without being labled 'gay'" said a married man who was arrested.

Officers Steve Reed and Dave Nakata, the two plain clothes officers working the area were often physically grabbed before making the arrests. On the whole, the majority of arrests were for indecent exposure and lewd conduct in public, however one stolen, concealed gun was confiscated, two men were arrested for possession of methamphetamine and a fugitive from another state was arrested.

Lambda Brings Gay Themes to Theater

by **Nancy Butchy**

Incest. This crime resides in a dark closet. It is brought to light in theatre through the Lambda Players of Sacramento.

It's hard to believe with this topic, but an entertaining evening is available to you July 21 and 22 at the Lambda Center, downtown Sacramento.

A serious, professional group with a capital P offers two one-act plays. Theatre has truly arrived to the gay and lesbian community offering creative thought and talent regarding such a deep issue as incest.

Your first enjoyment is "Louisa May Incest" written by Carolyn Gage, a lesbian playwright living in Ashland, Oregon. Superbly directed by Delphi Michaels.

This latest ISSUE writer couldn't convey the gentleness and impact the two characters in this play brought to this thirty minute or so portrayal of Louisa May Alcott, author of the familiar book "Little Women". She was a woman abused with a lengthy history of incest. I wouldn't burden the readers with words explaining this story for words often fall in justice with seeing the real action of the human emotion with this topic.

Lambda Players N. Treganza, J. Mitchell, D. Michaels, R. Flynn, M. Gaynor, R. Justman and T. Ramos.

Maureen Gaynor floors you immediately with her voice and heart-stopping stage presence as "Louisa". Balancing this is Rachel Justman who as "Jo", the other of the only two characters in this play,

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DEADLINES

The editorial deadline for our next issue is August 1st. Camera-ready advertising materials are due by August 5th.

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Events for Women with Music by Joey

by **JoAnn Milligan**

Tired of hearing the same old Top 40 over and over again? Sick of the sparse selection of songs at your favorite club? "Music by Joey" just might offer the solution for you. Joey Claytor, a much recognized face in the community, is the owner/operator of "Music By Joey".

Joey has been involved with the local music scene for many years. She was the original and only D.J. at the women's bar, Anna Maria's. On Friday and Saturday nights from 1981-1983. She also hosted an earlier "Ladies Night" at Faces a few years back. Some might remember her as the D.J. at the Blue Moon. During that time she also D.J.'d dances for SACWN and the Y.W.C.A. After the Blue Moon closed, Joey continued to work State Agency's Christmas Parties, Country Club functions, Sober dances and a few weddings. She has also D.J.'d Women's Week at C.S.U.S..

Joey wants to offer a wide variety of music for the community. In addition to the ubiquitous Pop and Rock & Roll, she enjoys playing all types of music, including: Pop, Rythum Blues Country, Hip-Hop, Rap, House, Adult Contemporary, Acid and Jazz. She belongs to a D.J. Record Pool and relishes the opportunity to promote new music.

Joey Claytor.

One of her greatest talents as a D.J. is her ability to read a crowd and respond by playing the music they want to hear most. She encourages conversation and feedback from her listeners and enjoys playing special requests. She also has the ability to phase music and she enjoys mixing her music to keep continuity and prevent those boring lulls on the dance floor during breaks between songs.

Joey has recently produced three dances in the last three months and has had an average of 150 lesbians attend each one. When hired, she provides all her own equipment along with a lighting system.

Her latest production is a Women's Cruise on the Delta Queen down the Sacramento River in August. Limited space will be available for the public, (Watch the Latest Issue's Calendar for Details). She is also D.J.ing the Camping Women Annual Boat Cruise, by popular demand. She produced some of the music for the body builders competing in the Gay Games in Vancouver. In November the D.J. will be at the River City Gay AA Roundup and the Black Women Nurses Association Scholarship Dinner/Dance.

After nearly a decade in the music business Joey is still providing great, thoughtful music for those of us who love to dance. She is available to D.J. at those special events you're planning. Give her a call and open up your gathering to some progressive, thoroughly enjoyable music. Music by Joey, 427-5713.

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In fact, Senator Helms, and other censors, fear lesbian/gay art precisely because public viewing, reading, and discussion of our work leads to a questioning of so-called "normal" patterns of power and hierarchy in U.S. culture.

The current attempts to censor sexually explicit lesbian and gay art are tied to attempts to control information about sexuality in general including information about safe sex and AIDS, about contraception and abortion, about lesbian and gay sexuality. This censorship is being imposed not just in the art world but in radio programming, reproductive rights counseling, and classroom teaching. The struggle about censorship of information is happening not just at the level of federal government, but also at the state and local level; not just within government, but also within private corporations and within public schools and universities.

The current struggle about sexual censorship is part of an intensifying climate of repression that targets many groups, including African Americans, Asian Americans, Latinos, Native Americans and all people of color; Arabs and Jews; poor people women and the disabled; the young and the old; lesbian and gay people---groups that have been called "special interest groups" but that are, in fact, the majority of "the people" in this country.

Please raise your voice, within the context of this larger struggle, against censorship of lesbian and gay art. Contact your congressperson immediately to demand reauthorization of the National Endowment for the Arts with no restrictions. Work in whatever capacity you can in your community to ensure we do not lose access to the information that we, and others, need about the realities of our lives as gay and lesbian people.

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Arlo Smith to Speak to RCDC

Arlo Smith, Democratic candidate for State Attorney General, will make his first post-primary Sacramento appearance at a special River City Democratic Club meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 19 in the First United Methodist Church Terrace Room.

Smith, in his 10th year as San Francisco's longest-serving District Attorney, wrested the party's nomination from Los Angeles District Attorney Ira Reiner in a bitter primary race last month. He faces Republican Dan Lungren in November.

The candidate gained the support of the California National Organization for Women (NOW) by vigorously prosecuting cases dealing with sexual assault, by emphasizing the collection of child support payments and by establishing a domestic violence program which combines prosecution of offenders with counseling for victims. Smith has actively sought out gay and lesbian attorneys for the San Francisco District Attorney's staff.

The Church is located at the corner of 21st and J streets, with parking available in the lot and 22nd and J. For more details, call RCDC President Karl Greene at 927-2029.

Gay African American Pride

Friday, July 13, kicked off a special opportunity for local African American gay men; it was the first Afrocentric Weekend Celebration, sponsored by different members of the Afro-American Gay Community of Sacramento.

Starting with a Happy Hour on Friday evening from 5pm to 7pm, the celebration was in full swing on Saturday afternoon with a down-home BBQ at Faces from 1pm til 7pm. A Sunday afternoon Champagne Brunch at Joseph's Town and Country rounded off the weekend.

Joe Hawkins, spokesperson for the event, related to the latest ISSUE that this weekend celebration is just one of many planned, which will reach out to the African American gay community. Hawkins noted that it is very important for gay men of African American descent to share the uniqueness of their culture in order to empower them toward positive individual and community experiences.

For further information about the African American Gay Community or Project Survival contact Joe Hawkins or Cynthia Burnett at 454-0516.

Welcome the New Woman in Town

The Board of Directors of the Lobby for Individual Freedom and Equality (LIFE) appointed Laurie McBride as Executive Director at its quarterly meeting in Sacramento.

The unanimous vote culminated a two-month hiring process that attracted candidates from across the country.

Ms. McBride has been a leader in the fight against AIDS and for lesbian and gay rights in San Francisco for the past ten years.

Laurie McBride.

Ms. McBride is LIFE's second Executive Director, succeeding Rand Martin who served as LIFE Executive Director-/Lobbyist since the organization's founding in June of 1986. Mr. Martin, who is now a senior consultant to Los Angeles Assemblyman Terry Friedman, received a fond farewell.

The Lobby For Individual Freedom and Equality is a statewide non-partisan association oforganizations and individuals which has as its primary focus the effective and responsible AIDS policies and practices. Over 70 affiliates from across the state represent the gays and lesbians, major AIDS service providers and people of color.

Speakers Bureau at the Lambda Center

Women and men interested in making presentations to local groups in the gay and non-gay communities are invited to attend the two-part speakers training scheduled by the River City Democratic Club/Lambda Center Community Speakers Bureau on Wednesday, July 25 and August 1. Both meetings will be held at the Lambda Center and participants are asked to commit to both the 6:30 and 9:30 p.m. July 25 and the 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. August 1 training.

Guest facilitator will be Geneva Fernandez, Speakers Bureau Coordinator for the Lesbian/Gay Speakers Bureau of Community United Against Violence in San Francisco. Training will include understanding the dynamics of the audience and working effectively with those dynamics, taking charge of your topic, being comfortable with the audience's questions and encouraging them to confront you as a speaker, as well as participating in a mock presentation with the facilitator dealing with homophobia, racism and sexism.

For more information and to register for the training, please contact Co-Coordinator Marghe Covino at 371-3848 or Judy Ludwick at 429-2806.

Join NGLTF

Washington, D.C. June 14, 1990...The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (NGLTF) has announced a new 900 number to increase membership and make the voices of more gay men and lesbians count in the national struggle for civil rights.

By calling 1-900-230-4321, extension 52514, callers can receive a free three-month NGLTF membership. Callers are invited to join the Task Force by Urvashi Vaid, NGLTF executive director. Members receive newsletters, action alerts, special publications and invitations. Usual annual membership costs $35.

The five-minute call costs $4.50 ($1.50 for the first minute, 75 cents each additional minute). Proceeds benefit NGLTF.

"The 900 lines have been extremely successful and popular, and now we'd like to use them as an innovative way to increase membership and gay and lesbian visibility," said Jaime Grant, NGLTF development director.

NGLTF is the oldest and preeminent national political organization that lobbies, educates, mobilizes and demonstrates for gay and lesbian civil rights and responsible federal AIDS policy. Currently, NGLTF has about 17,000 members and supporters nationwide.

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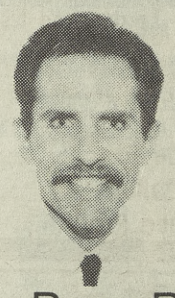

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Should the Gay Community Be Boycotting Miller Beer?

by **Keith Clark**

A move by AIDS activists to mount a boycott of Marlboro cigarettes and its parent corporation, the Philip Morris Co., is calling for an additional boycott of the Miller Brewing Co., also owned by Philip Morris.

Word about a boycott first surfaced when the offices of the Lesbian/Gay Pride Parade Committee here began receiving phone calls shortly before the June 24 parade complaining that Miller was a sponsor of the event and the only beer officially sold during the massive celebration afterward. Concerned that signs promoting the popular beer at the post-parade event might lead to incidents, parade committee officials decided not to allow them up this year, despite a more than $20,000 contribution to the event by Miller's San Francisco distributor, Golden Brands.

No group in the city, or elsewhere around the country for that matter, has endorsed the anonymous boycott, however, and at least one activist organization - Washington D.C.'s ACT UP - has indicated that they "actively do not endorse" a Miller boycott, claiming it would "diffuse" the original boycott attempt aimed at Marlboro cigarettes. Neither could anyone be located who was willing to take responsibility for the anonymous call for a Miller boycott despite the widespread postering that's gone on in the city's Castro district calling for a boycott. There have also been reports similar posters have begun appearing now in Washington D.C., New Orleans and Philadelphia.

In April of this year, ACT UP/DC called for a Marlboro boycott over Philip Morris' campaign contributions to Sen. Jess Helms' (R-N.C.) election campaigns and the company's $170,000 contribution earlier this year to help establish a Jesse Helms Citizenship Center in his home state.

Other corporate donors to Helms' recent elections campaigns - ranging from American Airlines to the Society of American Florists - may also be equally disturbing to gay-rights activists.

But anonymous and unclaimed as the elusive boycott posters may be, reports that Miller beer sales were already being affected in lesbian/gay bars here were taken seriously enough that the Milwaukee brewery sent its corporation issues director, Thomas Reed, here for several days to speak with parade organizers and bar managers.

Reed issued a strong letter distancing itself from its parent corporation's political contributions, reiterating its "commitment to the gay community" and disassociating itself from any support of Helms' election campaign. "From time to time," Reed stated in a letter circulated to several bar managers, Miller finds itself in a difficult situation when Philip Morris contributes to a politician who makes statements with which we totally disagree."

"I think what ACT UP and what the gay community is doing is absolutely on target as far as Jesse Helms is concerned," Reed said. "The man has got to be dealt with by this country; but we're not the vehicle to do it. And I guess that's what concerns Miller Brewing Co. It's not only that we've been there supporting the gay community economically, but we're there with you philosophically. We're not a Coors in sheep's clothing."

Despite calls to numerous activists here, as of press time no one was willing to claim responsibility for the mysterious posters or in fact to endorse a boycott against Miller beer.

An April 13, 1990, FEC campaign report on PACs contributing to Helms' Senate campaign during 1989 indicated the following PAC contibutions:

Major PAC Contributions to Senator Jesse Helms in 1989

American Airlines PAC	$2,000	Greyhound Good Gov't. Project	$1,000
American Bankers Assn. PAC	$10,000	Jefferson-Pilot Corp FEDPAC	$10,000
American Crystal Sugar PAC	$2,000	Lockheed Employees' PAC	$2,000
American Family Corp. PAC	$2,000	McDonnell Douglas Good Gov't. Fund	$2,000
American Furniture Mfgrs. Assn. PAC	$5,000	Nat'l Assn of Home Builders PAC	$2,000
American Meat Institute PAC	$2,000	Nat'l Assn of Life Underwriters	$5,000
American Medical Assn. PAC	$2,000	Nat'l Beer Wholesalers Assn. PAC	$2,000
American Tel & Tel PAC	$3,000	Nat'l Cotton Council	$3,000
American Textile Institute PAC	$2,000	Nat'l Rifle Assn Victory Fund	$5,000
Amoco Corp PAC	$2,000	Northrop Employees PAC	$3,000
Associated General Contractors PAC	$5,000	Philip Morris PAC	$3,000
Auto Dealers for Free Trade	$3,000	Professional Insurance Agents PAC	$1,750
BankAmerica Federal Election Fund	$1,000	Public Service Research Council	$2,000
Burlington Good Gov't Comm.	$4,000	R. J. Reynold-Nabisco PAC	$5,000
California & Hawaiian Sugar PAC	$1,000	Rockwell Int. Corp Good Gov't. Comm.	$2,000
Campaign America	$5,000	Society of American Florists PAC	$1,000
Federal Express Corp. PAC	$5,000	Southern Bell Tel & Tel PAC	$4,750
FMC Corp Good Gov't. Program	$2,000	U.S. League of Saving Assns. PAC	$4,000

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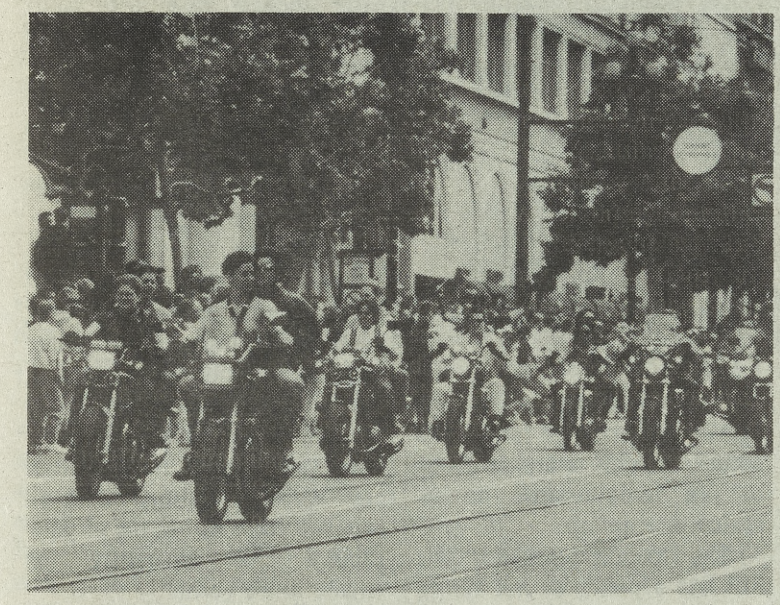


Hundreds of Dykes on Bikes started the parade again this year.

1990 S.F. Parade

by **P.J. Dunker**

Dykes on Bikes is always one of the favorite contingents at the annual San Francisco Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade and Celebration, and there's really no big wonder why.

It's an event that brings lesbians out of the woodwork to ride motorcycles that are as diverse as the women themselves, from women with brilliant pink, foot tall mohawk hairdos on Honda Rebels fresh from the dealer's front windows, to six foot tall muscle bound women wearing glossy black leather, straddling the biggest Harleys that Harley makes, to women in tank tops and Levis aboard motorcycles equally as unpretentious. The diversity is staggering, but very befitting of the event that beckons forth the diversity, and a very good choice of contingents to lead the Parade. Even amongst all the chaos of the crowd there is a steady pulse of expectancy for the roar of the motorcycles.

This year I had rider occupying the back seat of my motorcycle, not the first time I've had this pleasure, but a slight bit unusual for me since I've ridden solo for five of the seven years that I've ridden. And it was Elaine's, "Oh my God," as I rounded the corner of Main and Market Streets to get the first view of all the waiting bikes that brought the first really big smile to my face. It made me remember my first ride down Market, and it made me proud to be a part again.

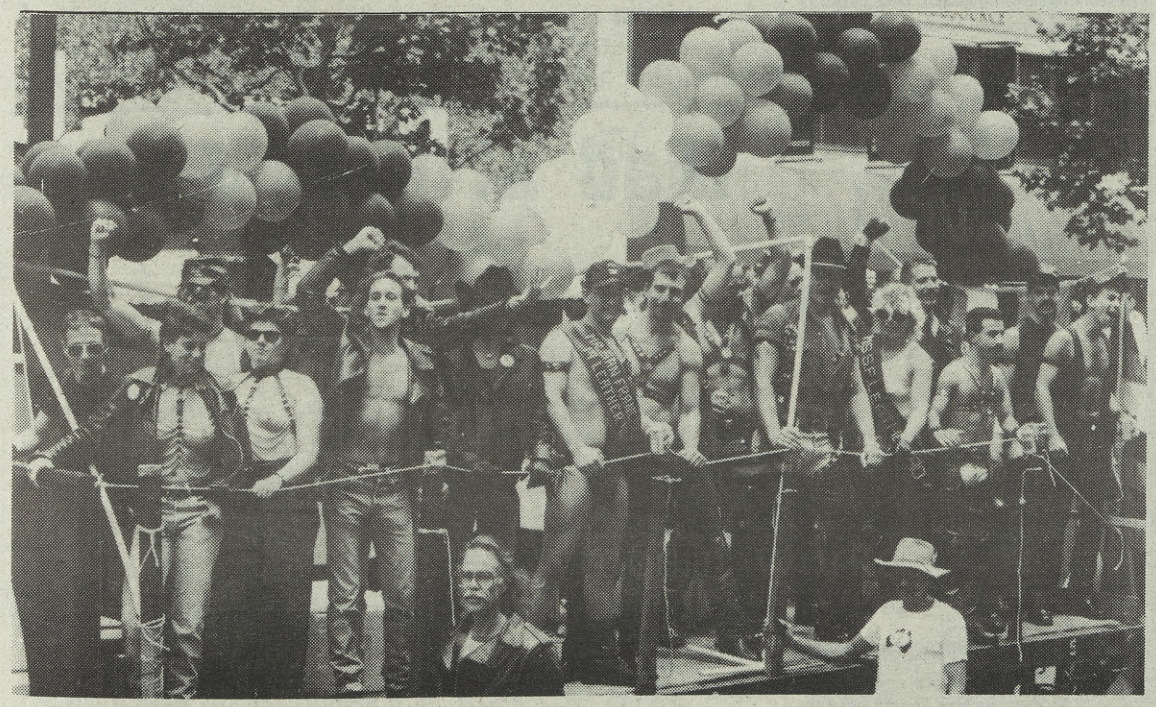
This was Elaine's first time riding in the Parade. I'm glad I could assist her, because that's part of what the Parade is about, unity and the ability to support each other. Each year the number of motorcycles in the contingent grows, a good earmark for our community.

I think it's safe to say Elaine was a little bit excited. That's part of the Parade too, excitement. When Elaine's legs abandoned the foot pegs and wrapped around my torso, I laughed with the fun and relished the hug from which a nicer pair of sleek long legs had never before been so well enjoyed while driving my motorcycle. Another part of the spirit of the Parade reflected back to me. It's a time to laugh and have fun and wriggle with pleasure in the giant hug of a proud, diverse, creative and spirited community.

When we reached the Parade's end, the ride seemed too short. We wanted to do it again and many of us will.

Pro-choice activists from the Bay Area and Sacramento participated in the parade to support a women's right to choice.

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation's Hand to Hand volunteers got cheers of support as they marched down Market Street.

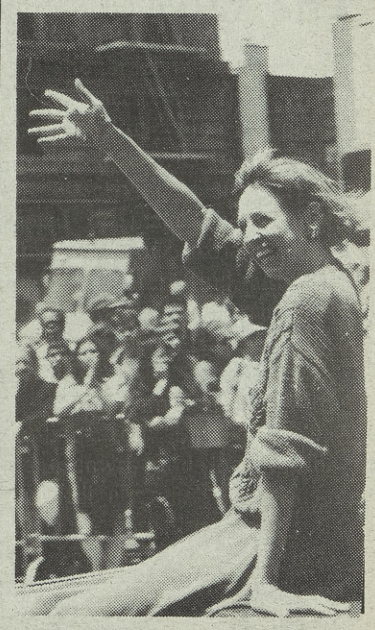


Leather men and women from all over California had a lively group on a flatbed that showed their individuality and pride.

It's a time to laugh and have fun.

There's a feeling that is difficult to describe when you turn up Market on your motorcycle and see the crowd of cheering people. It's a turn that's hard to forget.

Stonewall marked a turning point in our history, and each time we band together we reinforce the pivot bending the course of the future so that there really will be rainbows in our future.



Sacramento Councilwoman Kim Mueller rode in the parade.

Liz Taylor Does More for AIDS

by **Keith Clark**

On the eve of the start of the Sixth International AIDS Conference, actress Elizabeth Taylor made an unscheduled appearance.

She was there to announce AmFAR's latest expansion of taking AIDS education, prevention and services to the developing nations of the world were the epidemic is exploding at astronomical rates.

In announcing AmFAR's new International Fund at a packed reception of the fashionable Postrio restaurant here, Ms. Taylor, who has only recently been released following a two-month serious illness, said, "On the eve of the Sixth International Conference on AIDS, I cannot think of a more appropriate time to announce to you a new extension of our activities - one that is close to my heart, and a tremendous cause for hope and inspiration."

In introducing Ms. Taylor, Dr. Silverman said, "We didn't call her ... she called us. Against her doctor's orders - she didn't ask me or I'd have said no - she said, 'I must be there; it's important that I be there."

Ms. Taylor said the expanded AmFAR International Fund, which will begin with a $400,000 program, would start with a series of "technical assistance workshops" in East Africa this summer, in South America later this year and in Asia early next year.

AmFAR says the International Fund will begin with a multi-nation study of the role prostitution plays in transmission of HIV in developing countries; a training program in Malawi to help religious leaders there be able to provide counseling to people infected with the virus; an education project in Guinea

Liz Taylor.

aimed at increasing the acceptability and use of condoms; and journalism training courses in Latin America in an effort to make news reporting about the epidemic there less sensational.

Ms. Taylor, who has been the AmFAR national chairman for several years, has now also been given the title of international chairman as well.

Although clearly still recovering from her two-month bout with pneumonia, Ms. Taylor spoke passionately about her commitment to fighting AIDS on a global scale. "The International Fund demonstrates what is best about this country - caring, concerned individuals coming together to fight a common enemy," she said.

Miss Taylor ended her remarks on a hopeful note that no one gathered in the room would have disagreed with: "One day - perhaps before too long - there won't be anymore international AIDS conferences. And what a glorious, joyous day that will be."

Gay Agent Sues the FBI for Discrimination

by **Keith Clark**

A veteran of the FBI with 20 with years service filed a discrimination suit June 8, in the U. S. District Court in San Francisco.

He charged that the agency has stripped him of his security clearance and is about to fire him because of his sexual orientation.

The lawsuit contends the FBI has a policy of not hiring homosexuals and of firing gays and lesbians discovered in the crime-fighting federal agency.

A spokesman for the FBI declined to discuss the case, but said sexual orientation was "a significant factor" in deciding issues related to employment at the agency. In similar cases in the past, the FBI has justified its policy by arguing that homosexuals are more like to be subject to blackmail.

San Francisco attorney Richard Gayer, who specializes in security clearance issues concerning gays and lesbians, is representing the 45-year-old, 20-year FBI agent from San Diego in the suit.

Gayer said there have only been three similar lawsuits against the FBI involving sexual orientation, one by a job applicant turned down by the agency and another by a low-security clerical worker fired by the agency. In the first case, Gayer said, the plaintiff lost the case, and in the second case the court handed down only a "partial victory."

Gayer said, "The significance here is that you have a long-term employee with an above-average service record being denied employment."

John Doe, according to the lawsuit, has an "unblemished" record with the FBI, including commendations from three directors of the federal agency. In a 1979 award issued by then-director William Webster, the suit cites a note written by Webster stating, "I hope we will have to benefit of your ability and experience for many more years."

John Doe's work with the FBI, according to the suit, has often involved working with top-security, classified information and frequently with large sums of money.

When the FBI office in San Diego received an anonymous tip in 1988 that Doe was gay, he voluntarily submitted to lie-detector tests during which he fully described his sexual history, dating back to the age of 14, the suit claims. He also gave the agency written permission to reveal his sexual orientation to anyone it chose to.

Although he continued for almost a year to work on highly sensitive cases at the agency, in September 1989 the agency revoked his top-secret security clearance. According to the lawsuit, Doe expects to be fired by the agency later this month and is asking U. S. District Judge Eugene Lynch to issue an immediate restraining order until the lawsuit is settled.

Mad at Herb Caen

by **Keith Clark**

Gays and lesbians turned out Monday, June 18, to confront the doyen of the City's newspaper columnists: The *San Francisco Chronicls'e* Herb Caen was verbally ridiculed over comments he made in several recent columns that activists say "disparaged the lesbian and gay community."

Caen, who is on vacation in France at least for three weeks, became embroiled in a controversy last week when on Wednesday he began his

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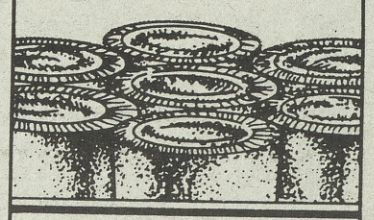
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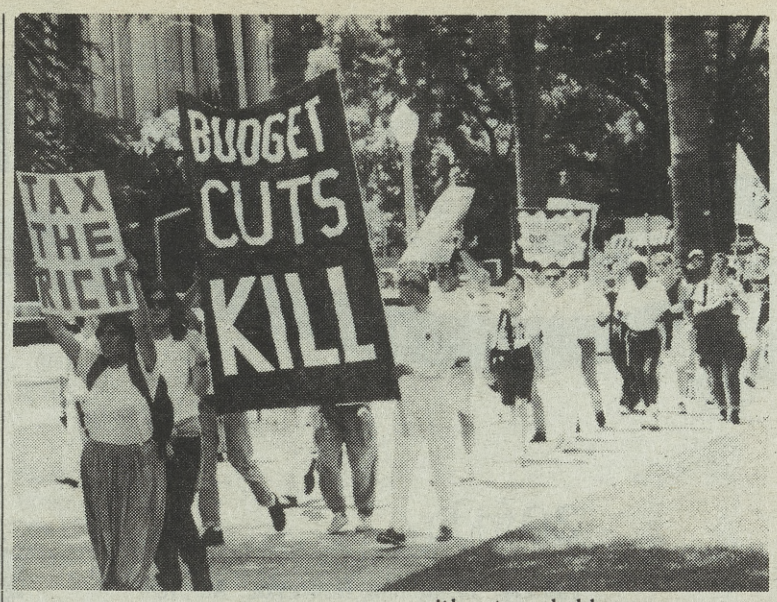
that meets human needs." He went on to say, "They (the legislators and the Governor) are off at home reading the newspaper while our lives hang in the balance...we will be here waiting when they come to work tomorrow."

"Any cuts in AIDS funding would cripple the already underfunded service providers in this state" said Laura Thomas of ACT UP San Francisco. "The state is broke because of 10 years of tax breaks for the rich and large corportations" she added.

Shortly after the speeches were over, the crowd of activists walked into the capitol and dropped to the floor for another die-in. While attention was on the activists inside, others were outside writing messages on the sidewalk in chalk with hopes that the members of the Assembly and Congress would have to read them as they arrived to deal with the budget crisis on Monday. Two people were arrested for vandalism of State property for the chalk writings on the steps.

Eric Ciasullo spokesperson from ACT UP San Francisco.

At least seven people were arrested during Monday's protest in which ACT UP members walked into the rotunda area inside the capitol and began screaming as if they were dying. They were handcuffed as they shouted "George Deukmajian you're killing us".



The floors were splattered with theatrical "blood" and as the area was cleared, police in rubber gloves took samples to assure that it was not HIV tainted human blood.

As members of the press waited for additional protest actions, nearly all members of the gay press were searched. "In all my years in journalism, this is the first time I have been subjected to search" said Marghe Richards of the *Bay Area Reporter* The camera of *Electric City*, the San Francisco gay cable program, was confiscated and Everett Denman, member of ACT UP Sacramento was searched without probable cause.

In front of the Governors office, hundreds of disabled rights activists protested budget cuts that would effect people who use the state's independent living service programs. "The independent living programs allow disabled people to take control of their lives and work ... without them thousands would be forced to live in institutions" said Darrell Clements an activist for the rights of the disabled. "it would cost ten times more to institutionalize these people than it does to allow them to live independently." he said.

People in wheelchairs rolled into the governors office and gave him two pennies which were representative to their "two cents" about the state budget.

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15 sunday

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July 15 - Aug. 12

16 monday

HEALTHWATCH: Update on HIV Treatments with Neil Flynn, M.D.; Troy Fajerson, P.A.; Ruth Lawrence, M.D.; Mike Pratt, P.A.; and Bary Siegel, M.D., a part of the Healthy Living Series by the Sacramento AIDS Foundation. Presentation will review the latest information from the Sixth International on AIDS. Forum will be held at the U.C. Davis Medical Center Auditorium located at 2315 Stockton Blvd. Call (916) 448-2437 for more information.

The Solano County Fair, at I-80 and Hwy. 37 in Vallejo. Events include; horse racing, carnival throughout with the PRCA Rodeo, and live entertainment nightly. For information call (707) 648-FAIR.

July 16 -22

17 tuesday

Guitarist Doug Pauley and Band will perform in the downtown City Plaza at 10th and J Streets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as part of The City Life series of free arts entertainment presented by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission.

PFLAG (Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) will meet at 7:30 p.m. at St. Marks United Methodist Church in the Christian Education Building located 2391 St. Marks Way. The program will be "Reflections On Recent Events: Lambda Fair, San Francisco Gay Parade, New Books, Events In Church." For more information call (916) 444-9510 or write P.O. Box 2163, West Sacramento, CA. 95691.

TUESDAYS

"Being Gay Today". One hour of lesbian and gay TV shows from around the country and beyond. 10 p.m. on Sacramento Cable channel 63. For more information call (916) 456-8600.

Heart to Heart meets from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the SAF training space located at 1900 K Street, upstairs. A gay/bisexual men's support group promoting personal growth and a healthier, stronger community. Call Joe Chase at the SAF offices at (916) 448-2437 for more information.

18 wednesday

HIV Negative Partners (who have HIV Positive Partners) will meet in support at the Lambda Community Center from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call Kevin at (916) 737-1088 for more information.

Jazz vocalist, Mary Stallings will perform in the downtown City Plaza at 10th and J Streets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as part of the City Life series. The Farmers markets and Library Book Sale are also planned.

THURSDAYS

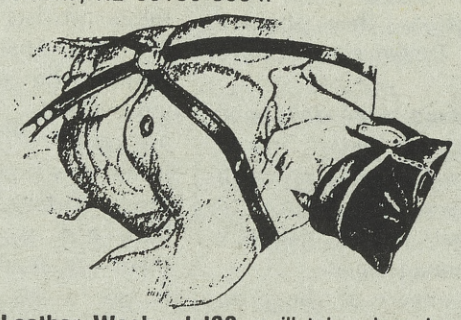
Repeat Broadcast "Being Gay Today". 9 p.m. on Sacramento Cable channel 63. For more information call (916) 456-8600.

A Grief Support Group for family members of persons affected by HIV/AIDS meets weekly at 4641 Marconi Avenue (at Mission), 7 - 8:30 p.m. For more information: 483-5691.

The "Being Alive Livingroom". A supportive environment for those testing HIV positive and an opportunity to make meet new friends. The living room is open from 3 to 5 p.m. at the Lambda Community Center located at 1931 L Street. For more information call (916) 442-0185.

20 friday

Fantasy '90, Omaha, Nebraska. An event for men and women in the leather lifestyle. For more information write P.O. Box 6364, Omaha, NE 68106-0634.



Leather Weekend '90 will take place in Guerneville at the Russian River. A variety of leather-oriented events including workshops, scavenger hunts, a motorcycle run, an Erotic Fantasy Masquerade Ball. Ticket price includes admission to all events, discount coupons to local restaurants and shops with a portion of the proceeds to benefit PWA's. Call (707) 869-0111

July 20 - 22

Shakespeare in the Park performance of 'Macbeth', 8:30 p.m curtain at William Land Park's William A. Carroll Amphitheater. For reservations and information call, 449-SCAT.

FRIDAYS

Country and Western Dance Lessons at RCMCC with instructor Cheryl Dwelle in the Social Hall from 7 to 11 p.m. Call (916) 454-4762 for more information.

21 saturday

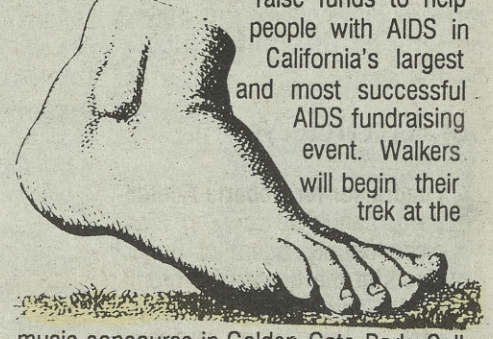
Shakespeare in the Park performance of 'Taming of the Shrew', 8:30 p.m curtain at William Land Park's William A. Carroll Amphitheater. For reservations and information call, 449-SCAT.

The Lambda Players presents two plays, "Louisa May Incest" and "Souvenirs". A must see performance by local gay and lesbian performers. (See the review on page 3) The Lambda Community Center 7:45, Tickets are $5.00 and reservations are strongly recommended. Call 442-0185.

3rd Annual Oak Park Summer Concert Series will present a rick variety of ethnic, jazz, folk and western European music. Festival will held at McClatchy Park located at 33rd Street and 5th Avenue. Call (916) 321-1800.

22 sunday

AIDS Walk San Francisco. Twelve thousand people are expected to walk to raise funds to help people with AIDS in California's largest and most successful AIDS fundraising event. Walkers will begin their trek at the



music concourse in Golden Gate Park. Call (415) 896-WALK for more information.

23 monday

The Sacramento Gender Association (Blue Rose Chapter) for transvestites and transsexuals will coordinate a Dinner/Social beginning at 8 p.m. at Joseph's Town and Country. Theme for the evening is "A Picnic Night". For more information call (916) 441-8379 or write S.G.A., P.O. Box 191366, Sacramento, CA. 95819.

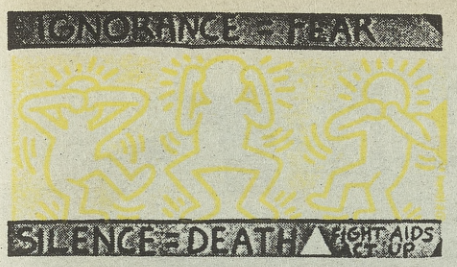
24 tuesday

Camping Women will coordinate an evening Bike ride open to female and male members and guests. Call (916) 677-8469 for more information.

Rio, music in the Cal Tjader tradition will be presented at the downtown City Plaza at 10th and J Streets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as part of The City Life series.

26 thursday

Gays and Lesbians Aligned Against Defamation (GLAAD) is sponsoring the National Media Awards, a video presentation of awards to outstanding support of the gay and lesbian rights movement. 6 p.m at the Lambda Community Center. This is a Free event.



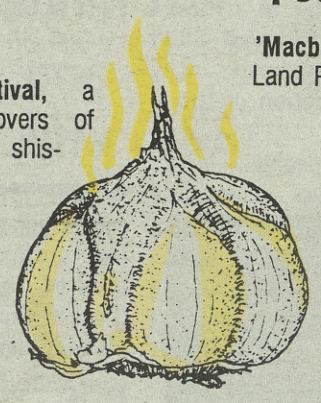
ACT UP/Sacramento meeting at 7 p.m. Come together with other dedicated activists committed to responsible actions to bring attention to AIDS issues and halting the epidemic. Call Everett at (916) 698-3318 for location.

4th Annual Strauss Festival presents elegant costumed symphony dance troop perform waltzes and polkas at Elk Grove Park. Call (916) 684-2782 for more information.

27 friday

San Francisco Leather Daddy Contest will be held at the S.F. Eagle.

Gilroy Garlic Festival, a weekend for the lovers of garlic. From garlic shis-ka-bobs to garlic ice cream. For details call (408) 842-1625.



28 saturday

Fundraiser for Roberta Achtenberg, candidate for San Francisco County Board of Supervisors at the home of a prominent Sacramento area physician. Bring your swimsuit! For more information and R.S.V.P., call (916) 925-8393.

The Sacramento Gender Association (Blue Rose Chapter) for transsexuals and transvestites will coordinate a Ice Cream Social at 8 p.m. at Joseph's Town and Country. Theme colors for the event are red, white and blue in celebration of Independence month. For more information call (916) 441-8379

Ice Cream Safari at the Sacramento Zoo, from 6 - 9 p.m. at 3930 Land Park Drive. All proceeds from this event go to benefit the African Savanna Elephant Exhibit. Tickets available at local Albertson stores.

CAP/PAC Invites the Community to Endorsement Meeting. Forum will be held at the Lambda Community Center from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. CAP/PAC will consider endorsements from several offices on the General Election ballot November 6, 1990. For more information call (916) 456-3377.

30 monday

Greg Louganis - 4 Time Olympic Champion will star in The Boy Friend playing at Music Circus located at 15th and H Streets. An enchanting spoof of the 20's. Call 441-3163 for tickets.

August

4 saturday

'Macbeth', 8:30 p.m curtain at William Land Park Amphitheater. For reservations and information call, 449-SCAT.

Camping Women, the San Joaquin chapter (Fresno) hosts a Country Western Dance with dance lessons and door prizes planned. Tickets are $5 for members and $7 for non-members. Call (209) 224-7832 for more information.

Opening Ceremonies of the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver B.C., the event begins at 8:00 p.m. at the B.C. Place Stadium. Gay and lesbian athletes from around the world are expected for the event. For info call Red Shoes Travel at 454-4201.

China, Glass and Pottery Show and Sale by the International Depression Glass Club, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple, 6151 "H" Street. $3.00 admission.

6 monday

CHESS - Northern California Premiere will be showcased at Music Circus located at 15th and H Streets. The musical was a smash hit in London. Ticket prices range from $19.50 to $21.50. Call 441-3163 for tickets and information.

9 thursday

ACT UP/Sacramento meets at 7 p..m. Join other dedicated activists in responsible actions in bringing attention to the AIDS crisis. Call Everett at (916) 689-3318.

31 tuesday

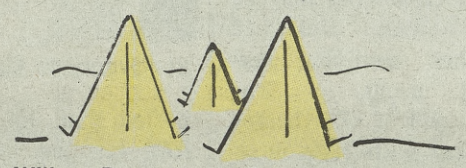
Les Moncada and his nine-piece ensemble will perform at the downtown City Plaza at 10th and J Streets from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. as part of The City Life series.

California Photography During the 20th Century with speaker Harvey Himelfarb will be held at the Crocker Art Museum located at 216 O Street. For information call (916) 449-5423.

10 friday

Anita Baker at Cal Expo Amphitheater. Tickets are $21.50.

River City Metropolitan Community Church, Stockton MCC and MCC Modesto will coordinate a camp-out retreat at Caswell State Park in Manteca. Contact RCMCC for cost, reservations and more information at (916) 454-4762.



Willow Retreat coordinated by Camping Women. Enjoy a weekend in the beautiful Napa valley with other area women. Space is filling up fast so make your reservations now. Cost for members is $58 while non-members is $65. Call (916) 677-8469 for more information.

13 monday

Understanding AIDS/HIV: Fears, Facts and Feelings with Lisa Brodkey, M.A.T. and Stephen Warren. A forum to explore the myths and misinformation surrounding AIDS/HIV and update your own knowledge. Presentation will be held at the SAF offices, upstairs training space. Call (916) 448-2437 for more information.

Symphony in the Park with the Sacramento Symphony on the U.C. Davis campus in the main quad in Davis. Free to the public. Call (916) 649-0200 for more information.

17 friday

The California State Fair at Cal Expo Fair Grounds.

18 saturday

The Oak Park Concert Series presents Toshiko Akiyoshi, Lew Tabackin, The Avalon Swing Band, Gramercy Four and the Sizzlin' Summer Soundmakers at McClatchey Park, 33rd St. and 5th Ave. from 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. This is a Free concert.

"PSSN Singles Pool Party" hosted by the Positive Social Support Newsletter. Don't miss out this time - a great afternoon was had by all at the June party. Potluck BBQ and volleyball planned (swimwear optional of course!). Call (916) 447-5925 for more information.

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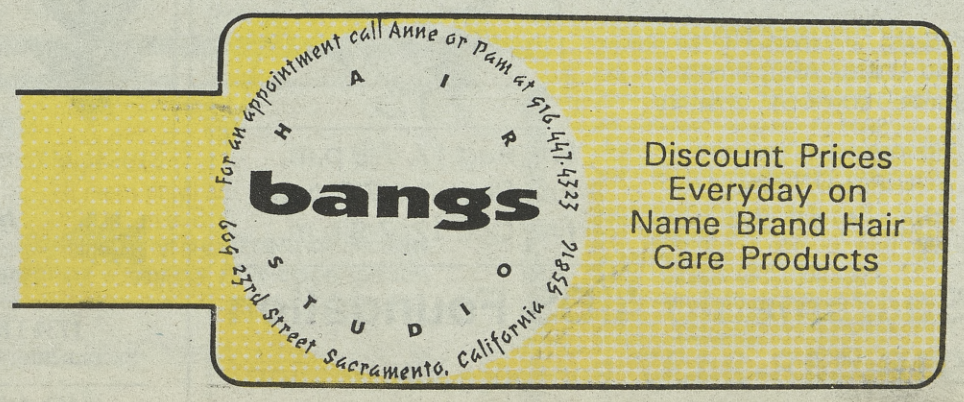
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AIDS Conference Releases New Information on Drugs

by Arturo Jackson III

The Sixth International Conference on AIDS united researchers, physicians, activists and people with HIV with the purpose of exchanging information on the advances being made in the global effort directed towards halting the AIDS epidemic.

There were over 11,000 delegates to the conference representing more than 120 nations gathering data from the estimated 2,500 scientific papers accepted for presentation.

Researchers at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS reported optimistically on combining the standard anti-viral drug AZT (zidovudine) with other drugs that target the genetic material inside the core of the HIV virus. Researchers reported that preliminary trials of these drug combinations working synergistically may prove to be the advent of future treatment regimens effectively slowing or halting HIV disease progression. Early combined drug studies demonstrating synergistic promise include: AZT and DDI; AZT and DDC; DDI and interferon and possibly Compound Q and AZT.

Highlights from the Sixth International Conference on AIDS:

AZT

Intervention with the FDA approved drug at higher dose levels continues to result in side effects and viral resistance. Numerous studies indicate that the effectiveness of AZT and the drug's disease suspension capabilities may be enhanced when prescribed with other anti-viral experimental drugs. "The greatest benefit of AZT therapy has to occur with early intervention," said Dr. Margaret Fischl of the University of Miami during a State of the Art Plenary Session. In a study evaluating the safety and toxicity of AZT intervention in trial subjects who had experienced one episode of PCP, Dr. Fischl concluded that AZT at a lower of dose of 500 milligrams a day is just as effective and less toxic in delaying disease progression.

A study lead by Dr. Lawrence Corey of the University of Washington in Seattle found that half the currently recommended dosage of AZT might be just as effective against HIV, with fewer toxic side effects. Dr. Corey reported that 300 mg daily of AZT resulted in "good anti-viral activity" and was as effective as 600 mg daily of the drug.

A trial involving 1,338 HIV-positive asymptomatic study subjects with a CD4 (T helper) cell count below 500 at U.C. San Francisco over a 55 week period documented the benefits of early AZT intervention. Dr. Paul Volberding, study coordinator reported that AZT in daily dosages of 500 milligrams was safe with few reported toxic side effects and decreased the rate of progression to ARC or AIDS.

DDI

Dideoxyinosine, an experimental drug similar in structure to AZT, continues to demonstrate effectiveness in slowing viral replication of the HIV virus after a 1 1/2 year study involving people with AIDS. Researchers reported that pancreatitis, a side effect reported when high doses of the drug were monitored had been reduced in incidence at lower dosage levels. Dr. Raphael Dolin of the University of Rochester in New York reported that optimistic researchers are expanding their trial protocols to include asymptomatic study volunteers.

A study involving 58 study subjects over a 16 month period by the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland found that subjects who had increases in CD4 (T cell) counts most often had taken AZT within the previous four months. Dr. Robert Yarchoan reported that study subjects receiving ddI in dosages of 3.2 to 9.6 milligrams per day sustained improvements in clinical bloodwork and immunologic results. The researcher further added that ddI, which is able to penetrate the central spinal fluid barrier resulted in improvements in those experiencing HIV-associated dementia.

> Alternating the drugs AZT and DDC may reduce toxicity and enhance effectiveness.

DDC

Dideoxycytidine, an experimental drug chemically related in structure to both AZT and DDI, exhibits different toxicities at higher dosage levels. Researchers hope to utilize the resulting differentiating toxicity by alternating the drug monthly with AZT for effective anti-viral activity without anemia and virus resistance side effects. "This is the first major trial to test combinations of anti-HIV drugs in an alternating manner," reports the scientific paper's co-author Dr. Thomas Merigan, director of the Center for AIDS Research at Stanford University Medical Center.

The trial at Stanford University Medical Center studied 90 individuals who had a T cell count greater than 200 at onset of the study and utilized seven different alternating dosage levels of AZT and DDC.

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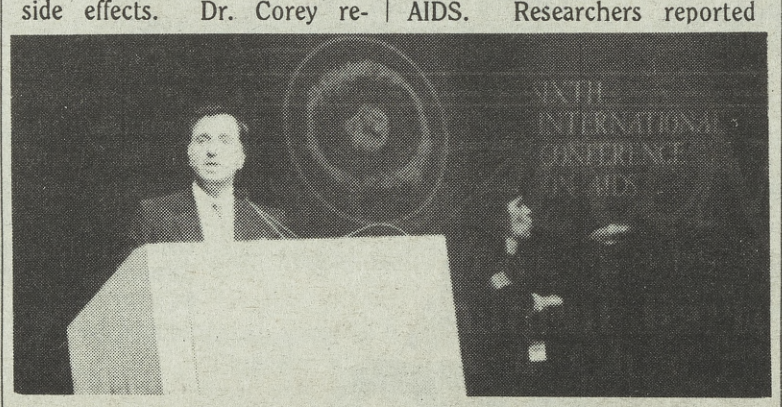

San Francisco Mayor Art Agnos addressed the Conference.

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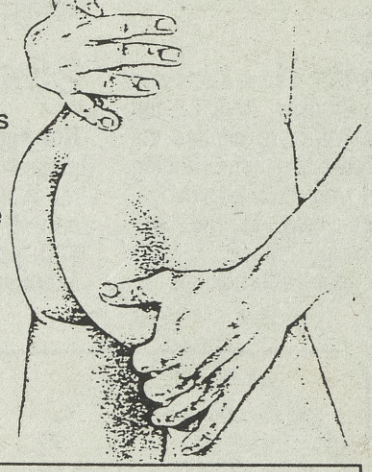

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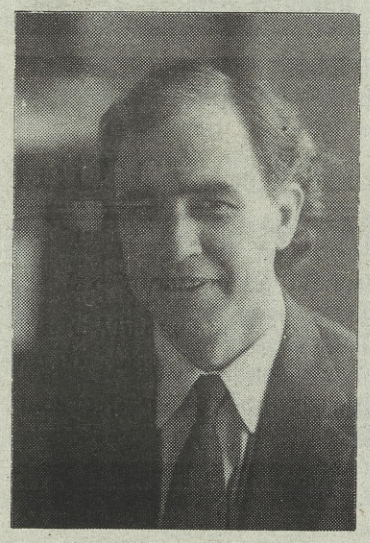
Peripheral neuropathy was documented in each group but was more prevalent in those receiving the high DDC dosage. According to preliminary results from the 52 week trial, researchers reported that alternating the drugs AZT and DDC may reduce toxicity and enhance the effectiveness of either drug alone.

Compound Q

A highly refined protein from the chinese root tubers Trichosanthes kirilowii and patented under the name GLQ223 by Genelabs of Redwood City and U.C. San Francisco was reported on at the conference by Martin Delaney, co-founder of Project Inform. Delaney reported that results from the "underground study" demonstrated 46 trial volunteers who were failing AZT therapy were injected with the drug by San Francisco doctor Larry Waites while continuing low-dose AZT.

Delaney reported that eight of the 46 patients showed dramatic rises in T4 lymphocyte cells within months of the treatment. Dr. Waites reported that the eight patients began the trials with T4 counts between 100 and 200 and after five injections of Compound Q and daily low doses of AZT demonstrated normal levels of about 1,000 T4 cells.

Delaney's presentation immediately came under criticism for his refusal to present the data for scientific review. "You really are irresponsible for making such claims without publishing your data and subjecting it to the review of independent scientists," said Dr. Arnold Relman, editor of the New England Journal of Medicine. Dr. Waites emphasized, "the drug, in combination with others, will be the insulin for HIV. I do not think we will be able to completely rid the body of the virus."


Paul Volberding, M.D.

Dr. Waites added that two months after the treatment, the eight trial volunteers showed no markers of HIV disease, even though they still harbor the virus in their bodies.

The remarkable rise to normal levels of T4 counts in eight of the study participants sparked cautious excitement and scientific optimism among conference attendees.

Delaney warned that the drug is dangerous reminding delegates that at least three patients treated a year ago with Compound Q lapsed into comas in which two died soon afterwards. The drug appears to be especially toxic in individuals with HIV-related neurological damage and in those with a T4 cell count below 100.

Vaccines

A strong display of optimism marked reports from scientific researchers on progress being made towards an effective vaccine against the HIV virus. "I would say that progress is being made at a rapid enough pace that candidate models for testing will be available in the next few years," reports Jay Berzofsky, chief of the National Cancer Institute and featured conference speaker.

More than 30 potential vaccines are in various stages of clinical trial testing around the world. Preliminary results from studies on cats, monkeys, chimpanzees and human volunteers have demonstrated that a successful vaccine is possible and obtainable. During the afternoon session at the conference, scientists reported that it will take years to select the most promising vaccines and complete trials to identify those which are most effective.

The famed polio vaccine developer, Jonas Salk reported preliminary results of his study at the University of Southern California using a vaccine containing inactivated HIV virus. The potential vaccine was injected into 86 HIV-infected volunteers and resulted in a stimulated long-term ability of the study subjects to manufacture high levels of antibodies. Salk further reported that only six of the patients had progressed to full-blown AIDS two years after the inoculation. Salk emphasized that further testing is vital in determining effectiveness of the vaccine. "The ingenuity of the virus has really outwitted us, thus far, but we won't be outwitted for long."

Smoking

For the first time, a definite link between smoking cigarettes and progression to AIDS has been documented. According to the results of the study of 350 HIV positive gay men, U.C. Berkeley epidemiologists discovered that smokers were more likely to develop full blown AIDS than nonsmokers. In the presentation it was reported that men in the early stages of HIV infection who smoked developed thrush, a yeast infect of the mouth commonly evaluated as a precursor to AIDS, nearly twice as fast as nonsmokers.

"We think it's clear that smoking is a significant factor in predicting whos going to develop AIDS more quickly," stated Rachel Royce, who presented the report at the Sixth International Conference on AIDS. Royce, along with Epidemiologist Warren Winkelstein Jr. of U.C. Berkeley and Peter Bacchettti of U.C. San Francisco monitored the results. The study was the first to connect a patients' smoking and habits and their susceptibility to contract AIDS.

Lentinan Trials Show Some T-Cell Improvements

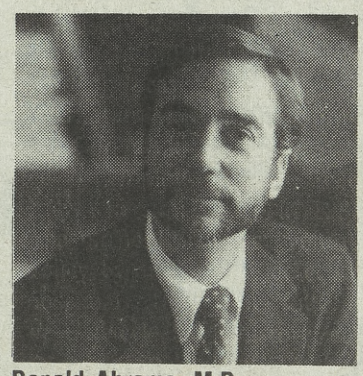
by **Andy Melton**

Lentinan, a drug extracted from the edible mushroom Letinus edodes, is being tested to determine side effects of the compound in patients infected with HIV.

Donald Abrams, M.D., UC San Francisco associate professor of clinical medicine, found that "the drug is fairly well tolerated."

Lentinan has been produced and used in Japan for twenty years and has been used to treat malignant tumors, enhancing the ability of chemotherapy to reduce tumor size and prolong life, according to Japanese researchers. The eight week study involved 44 HIV positive patients who were either asymptomatic or were experiencing mild ARC symptoms.

Though the study was designed to test the toxicity of lentinan, immune system


Donald Abrams, M.D.

changes were also monitored by a variety of tests, including CD4 cell counts. Abrams reported that researchers found that some patients in each of the four varying dosage study groups experienced increases in their T4 cell counts. Abrams stated that further lentinan trials in conjunction with anti-retroviral drugs are needed next.

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RUMOR HAS IT

by **Dan Palomino**

I'm finally coming down from cloud 69 after the roller coaster month of June. Early June found us amidst the throes of a nasty hairbrush throwing contest between **Lady DiFi** and **Van De Camp** in the Dem's governor race. Funny how same-party opponents are at each other's throats election day only to have the loser pledge his undying support a day later. . .so much for principles. Anyway, I've dissuaded my more faithful readers who insisted on a "Luella for Governess" campaign and am throwing my support to **Dianne.** Mid June marked the biggest Lambda Freedom Fair ever! The booths were fun and the entertainment terrific except for a tasteless banana dance by a certain rival columnist, but more on that later.

June's end brought us the 6th Int'l AIDS Conference which kept us riveted with information and controversy. And of course, Sacramento had quite a presence at the Parade and initial reports indicated that we were right on par with our Big City cousins in the partying category. After nonstop festivities throughout the 4th of July, everyone is frantically booking vacations as prescribed by their analysts for sanity's sake. So here I sit, distracted by glossy travel brochures from Tahiti, Bermuda, and Lodi.

CRIME OF A DIFFERENT COLOR

Midtown business's **Gallery Medusa, Judy's Books,** and **Gifted Gardener** have all been recent victims of robberies. On a brighter note, Judy's celebrated their one year anniversary in June while unfortunately **Electric Avenue Card and Gifts** closed June 30. Best wishes to the Gifted Gardener's **Chuk Lowry** on his new job as **Sacramento Men's Chorus** business manager. After only two years with the chorus, his meteoric rise from wardrobe wench to chorus queen has society watchers reeling. All right, I promise to give the SMC a rest and not mention them for at least another month.

NOSTALGIA TRIP

Is what friend **Barry Tuchman** took his erstwhile innocent wife, **Colette,** on for her first Grateful Dead concert recently, and now they're both hooked! They man be the only yuppie couple who will sport a Grateful Deadhead sticker on the window of their new Mercedes Benz. Poor Colette, being an attorney, she's had to endure countless 'shark' jokes. But if I recall correctly, when asked what her favorite movie was she allegedly replied, "Jaws - The Revenge" -- oh well.

THE ONE THAT COULDN'T GET AWAY

Check out **Valentis Gym's** huge aquarium with a flamboyant lion fish which swims sideways with his face practically glued to the front. It's either looking for an escape route or is cruising the boys. But wait! Catching **Jay Cobb** neglecting his workout to stare, smile coyly and whisper sweet nothings at the fish made me wonder if Jay had truly found love amidst the barbells.

FISH STORY II

While sitting at GUPPY (Gay Urban Professional Youth) **Eric Gilliand's** hot tub recently, he showed off his latest gadget - a mechanical shark that swam, dove, and otherwise looked menacing. But a malfunction occurred while it was terrorizing the guests as it suddenly stopped in the middle of a dive and quickly floated to the surface -- on its back no less and sporting a slack jaw! And who says that technology can't imitate life. Perhaps it was our nasty water which prompted its early demise.

While on the subject of the environment, the **Sacramento AIDS Foundation** backed away from purchasing a new facility when storage tanks and an asbestos problem were discovered. They are currently looking into a 14,000 square foot pad in Del Paso Heights -- Better luck this time!

SAF staff hosted a June 30 picnic at the lovely home of **Stan Hadden** to allow their hard-working volunteers to let their hair down (or tease it up). Also, did you know: the Foundation boasts 3 blacks, 3 hispanics and 6 women on it's Board? And for all of you women who are pursuing the road to empowerment, reserve your spot at **Jane Irwin's** "Boardroom or Bedroom - How to Make it Happen", Friday July 20 at the Holiday Inn Holidome. Call 486-8985 for more info.

Hurry to catch *Longtime Companion* still playing at the Tower Theater and which poignantly depicts the lives of several close friends in the midst of the AIDS tragedy. Another coming attraction, *Men in Love,* however, rates a thumbs down in my book. This film can't decide whether to be a comedy or a tragedy and ends up failing at both. It also features a cast of unsympathetic characters living an existence so far removed from this suburban housewife.

Open Road played to an packed house at the **Town House** on July 1st during a benefit performance for the **SAGA Swim Team.** The duo of **Jim Ralston** and **Steve Van Dyke** wowed the audience with their romantic song "Arms of a Man" and thier campy tunes including "Pee in the River". Look for more of Open Road coming in October.

Happy B-days to local lesbians **Shannon Morgan, Sherry M.** and **Lisa.** Each passing day adds one more opportunity to age gracefully.

Drug misuse is getting a lot of press these days? And while I respect the proverb - "he who is without sin can be the first to slap the other with his purse", it bothers me to see our politicians fancy themselves above the law, (Case in point, **Mayor Marion Barry**) or those who consider themselves "the law" (Case in point, **Sen. John Dolittle**). Perhaps we're all addicted to electing dopes and right-wieners to office. Wouldn't it be nice if Sen. Dolittle emerged from his ivory tower.

MILESTONES

A sad farewell to dynamic activist **Tim Warford** and our San Francisco friend **Michael Becker** both succumbing AIDS. The fight is continued by others.

Noted M.D., **Dr. Neil Flynn** recently presented the County Public Health Council with a pilot clean needle exchange program hammered out after particularly factious debate between the HIV/Drug Abuse Task Force and the Advisory Committee on AIDS. In other health and fitness milestones SAGA members, 180 strong, will be leaving for Vancouver as part of the Sodomite Invasion for the August Gay Games. Congrats to **Bill Hefner** on his new pad. Congrats also to **Joan Branin,** a new homeowner, still unpacked. Her current decor is done in Early Box with cat hair as the fabric du jour. Happy fifth anniversary to **Rich Walker** and **Mark McGonigle.** And Happy Birthday **Rich.** When I look to the west and see clouds tinged in orange and pink with a bright glow appearing over the mountains, I'll know Rich lit ALL of his B-Day candles!

And now for a few choice words about **Hedda Hopper** who writes (overstatement perhaps) for Mom Gives Up (oops, I mean Mom Guess What). Anyway, I think she is suffering from overexposure. Although my column already gives her far too much publicity, she brazenly exposed her bare assets at the **Wreck Room's** Full Moon Contest causing local wits to wonder if she was trying to frighten the crowd or make them laugh. Of course her banana dance was quite interesting, although I have never cared for bananas as bed partners. Girlfriend, just give it a rest!

Secret message to "the Pupling" from "Big Dog" -- five years down, and looking forward till eternity. Thanks for being the sunshine of my soul.

For the rest of you, lovebirds and otherwise, play safe and enjoy your summer. Love, Danny.

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column: "Unclear on the concept - The promoters of the annual Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day Parade whose slogan for the event this year is 'The Future Is Ours' - think about it, but not too long."

When Caen's office was swamped with callers objecting to his remarks, he wrote in his next day's column, "What I meant was - O painful phrase - that gays and lesbians do not have children, generally speaking. (Do they still refer to straights as 'breeders'?) It is true, of course, that gays and lesbians are being born every day, but if, in some far distant future, they were the only inhabitants left on Earth, there might be no future at all."

Finally, in Friday's column, the widely read columnist took the one-sided dialogue one step further. "And now that all the shouting had died down," Caen wrote, "I still don't understand the slogan of the Gay/Lesbian Freedom Day Parade, 'The Future Is Ours,' and none of the shouters who questioned my questioning could explain it either."

On Monday, June 18, Luke Adams, executive director of the New Pacific Academy (NPA), turned out with more than 100 NPA students who are attending the school's "Basic Training" course for younger lesbians and gays from around the country, to show Caen and the *Chronicle* what the face of the future movement looks like - and sounds like.

With dozens of whistles piercing the midday traffic at 5th and Mission streets, the young NPA activists chanted, pounded news-racks and marched for over a half-hour in front of the *Chronicle* building, carrying signs reading, "You've Been A Bad Girl, Herb" and "The Future Is Mine."

NPA founder Cleve Jones showed up with the students as did supervisorial candidate Roberta Achtenberg, who said, "We have families too. Lesbians and gay men are just like everyone else in that regard, and we demand respect and protection of our families and of our loved ones in the same way Herb wants that accorded to his family."

NPA's Adams told the Bay Area Reporter, "Herb Caen sometimes tries to be a friend and he just sometimes doesn't get it. And this is one of those times. He's made a mistake, and we need him to apologize, and we need him to acknowledge it, and we need him to educate himself about lesbian and gay families and youths." Adams said Caen might start learning at NPA. "He can come and observe. He needs it."

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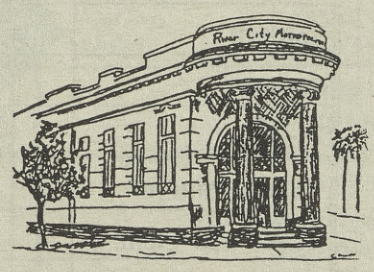

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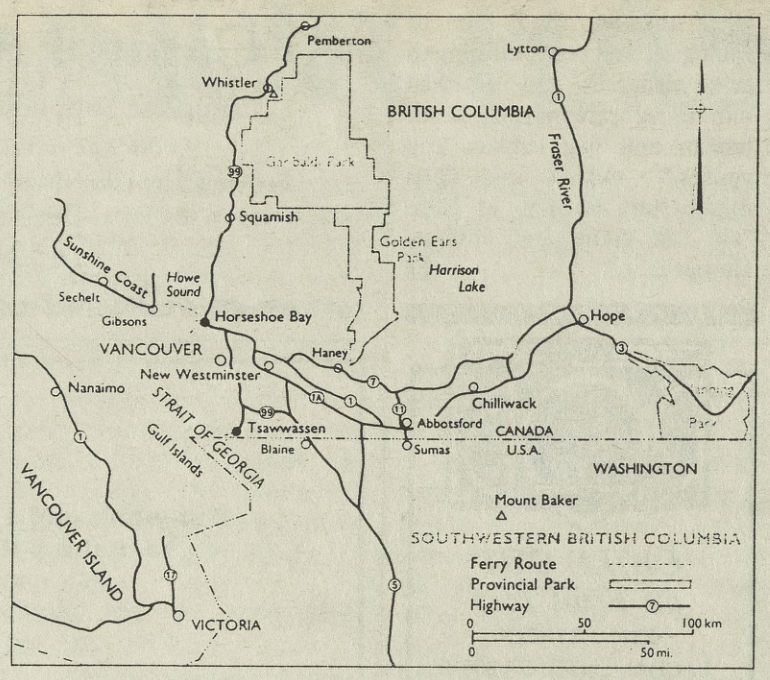
Transportation

Vancouver boasts an excellent system of public transportation including city buses, the SeaBus, and rapid transit, for those seeking an option to rental cars. Also, Celebration '90 has arranged for free transit passes on a first come first served basis to registered participants. A limited city shuttle service stopping at key public transit points and major Celebration '90 event sites will be available from August 5th through 11th. The seven day pass can be purchased for $3.00 at the registration center. Several options are available for trips to and from the airport, including public transit (about $1.00), taxi or limousine ($15.00 - $30.00), and the airporter shuttle ($7.00).

Weather

Vancouver is known for its mild summers with 73 degrees the average high temperature for August. However, along with cool summers comes frequent rain, so be sure to pack a sweater, raincoat, and umbrella. For a recorded weather forecast you may call 604/682-3046.

The Look of the City



Currency

Although we often forget, Canada is a different country from the U.S.A., with their own currency. As we go to press, one American dollar will purchase approximately $1.11 Canadian. You can exchange money at many local banks in Sacramento and may be able to purchase Canadian money travelers checks at some.

Accommodations

If you are planning to drive to Vancouver, plan on a trip of nearly 800 miles. If flying is more your style, the sooner you can make your reservation the better. According to Dorothy at Red Shoes Travel, tickets to Vancouver from Sacramento are no longer available. She is able, however, to book flights into nearby Seattle. Tickets purchased fourteen days in advance sell for $301 and seven days in advance for $364 for round trip airfare. Procrastinators will pay heavily, though, for tickets bought less than seven days before leaving will go for a hefty $688 round trip.

Although some hotel rooms are still available in Vancouver, the choices are limited and expensive Dorothy says, with practically nothing available for less than $100 per night. The first part of the week is more solidly booked, with more availability after August 7th.

Another travel alternative is a recreational vehicle, which may be rented for $100 to $185 per day. Although rentals are heavily booked throughout the summer, some availability remains. R.V. parks in Vancouver also report space available.

Entry into Canada

Although passports are not required of U.S. citizens, a number of other documents may be required of you prior to your entry into the country. Carry proof of citizenship in the form of a birth certificate or voters certificate, valid U.S. drivers license, proof of vehicle registration or rental contract, and a Canadian insurance liability card (available from your insurance company).

Canada cannot refuse entry due to sexual orientation, but may restrict the admission of those with HIV/AIDS, in an effort to prevent such individuals from becoming a burden on Canada's health care system. In order to prevent refusal of entry based on medical status, carry proof of health insurance, sufficient medication to last your visit, and enough cash to meet your food and shelter needs.

Although the organizers of Celebration '90 acknowledge Canada's immigration laws as less than ideal, they suggest cooperation, rather than confrontation, in dealing with customs officials, and warn that "Celebration '90 will not have facilities available to influence these officials on your behalf should you create or find yourself in a problem situation."

Advance Tickets

Tickets to many events are available in advance by writing to Celebration '90, and organizers recommend purchasing tickets as soon as possible for the most popular events, such as opening ceremonies and physique finals. Tickets range in price from $6.00 for literary workshops to between $11.00 and $22.00 for opening and closing ceremonies.

Contacts

For more information regarding Celebration '90 you may contact our local organization: Sacramento Athletic Games Association, 4610 Attawa Avenue, Sacramento, CA 95822 or Canadian headquarters: Celebration '90, 1170 Bute Street, Vancouver, B.C., Canada V6E 1Z6, 604/682-3046 (fax number). And look for complete coverage of the 1990 games in the August issue of the latest ISSUE.

Gay Games Schedule

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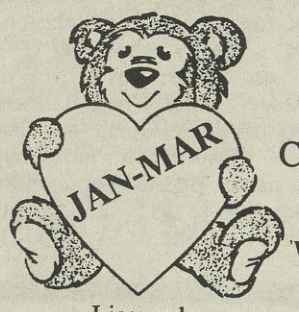

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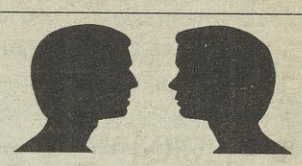

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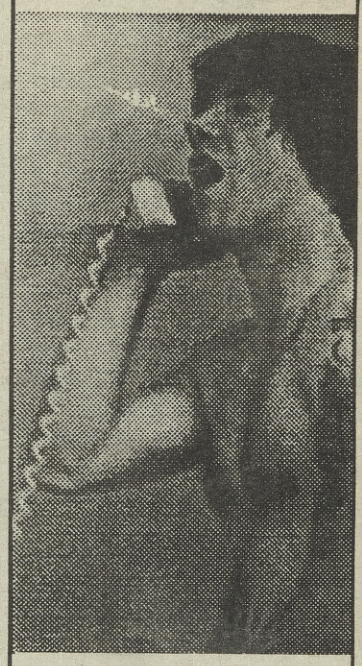

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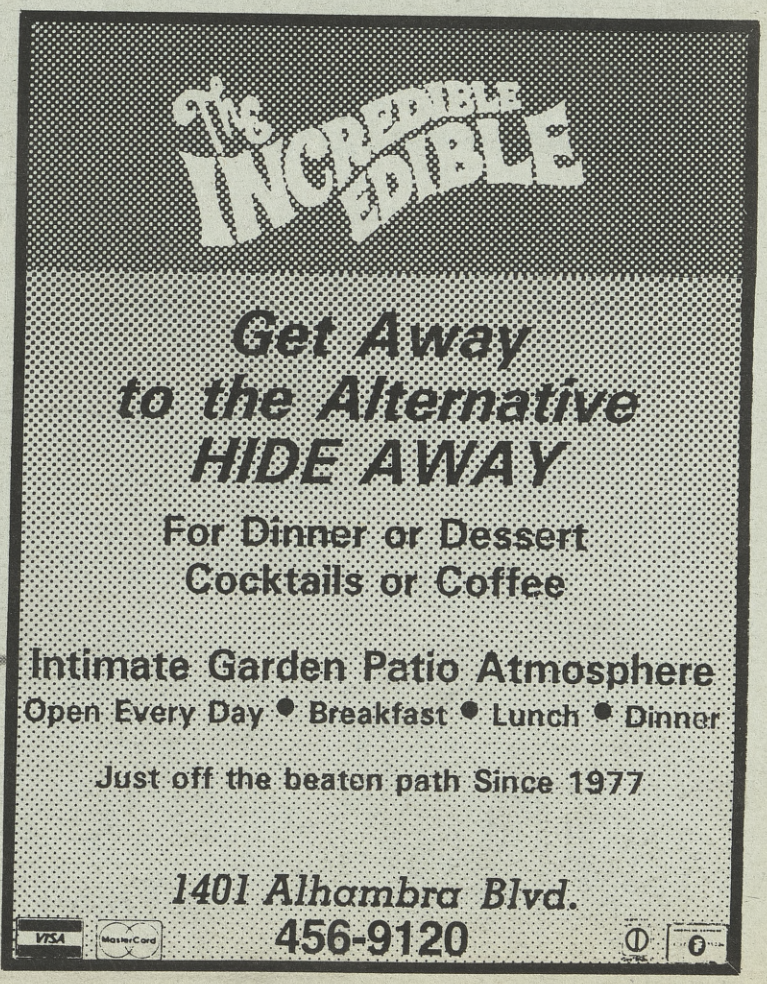

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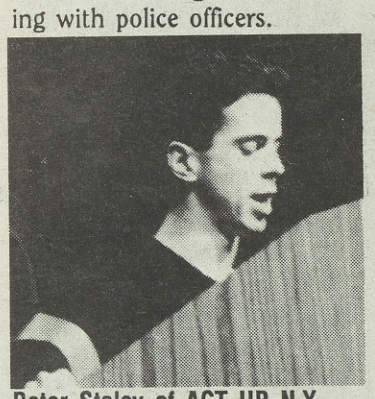
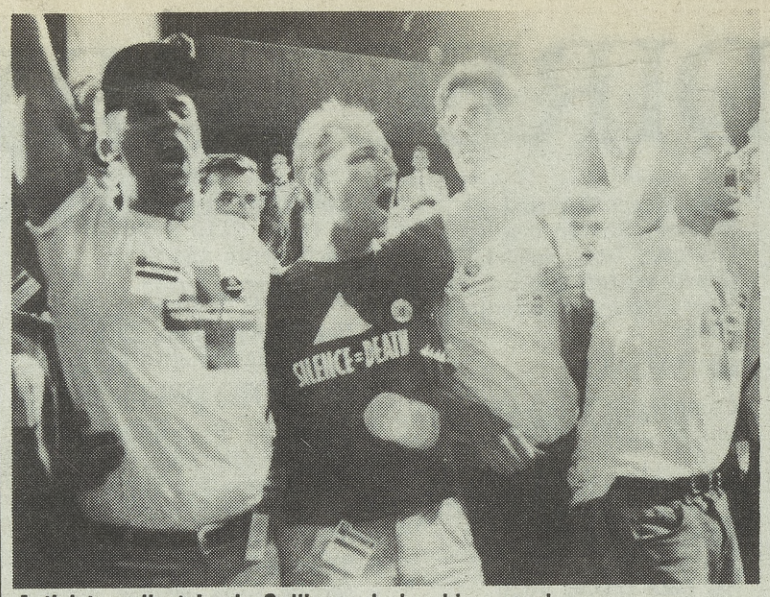
deaths of over 80,000 people who have died from the disease. As the protest continued, the activists rattled the barricades and attempted to cross them, but the 500 protesters were nearly equally matched in number by police in riot gear, and 80 people were arrested on charges of interfering with police officers.



Peter Staley of ACT UP N.Y.

ACT UP spokesperson Peter Staley of New York City was one of 11 opening ceremony speakers, and he invited all "AIDS activists" among the 11,000 in attendance to walk to the front of the Moscone Center auditorium and show support for the protesters and their anger. The majority of the congregation of physicians scientists and health care workers stood in protest and directed chants of disappointment at the Reagan/Bush administration and then welcomed them as the newest members of ACT UP. He chided them for their impatience over ACT UP's interference in research and he acknowledged that ACT UP was guilty, at times, of choosing "inappropriate targets" said Staley, "But like the unsung, anonymous doctors who are fighting this disease, AIDS activists are stretched to the limit of their time and energy, putting out fires of bigotry and hatred and misinformation when they need to be fighting for drugs and research money." Showing a photo of President Bush on one of the large screens in the front of the auditorium Staley informed the audience that the reason Bush did not attend the conference was because he was at a fund raising event for Senator Jesse Helms (R-NC) who is known for his negative AIDS and gay rights voting record.



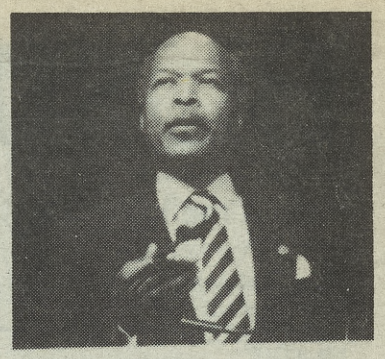
Activists yell at Louis Sullivan, during his speech.

Protesters drop a banner in protest of Nordstrom's firing.

Throughout the week activists staged protests. Men and women blocked streets, held press conferences and participated in the HIV/AIDS March - A United Call to Action. Over 10,000 marchers gathered at the plaza in front of City Hall and proceeded to march down Market street. As the march reached the front of the San Francisco Nordstroms store, ACT UP members began flooding in to protest the store's firing of a Seattle man, due to revelation of his HIV positive status. Startled shoppers fled as hundreds of activists ran up escalators, blew whistles, threw flyers and chanted "We're here, we're queer, and we're not going shopping". After nearly 20 minutes of noise, flying paper and chanting, the activists left peacefully and continued the march towards the rally sight.

Sunday, June 24 was an eventful day with the closing ceremonies of the 6th International Conference coinciding with the beginning of the San Francisco Gay and Lesbian Freedom Parade. Speakers at the Conference reiterated their position of disagreement with the U.S. policies and set the stage for the 7th International Conference in Florence Italy June 16 - 21, 1991. According to John Zeigler, co-chairman of the conference "In the decade of the 1990s discrimination will be our most virulent enemy in the battle against AIDS", "We must battle against it in our schools and our workplaces and at our borders". Sentiments of those in attendance was clearly that this would be the last Conference in the United States until the traveling restrictions are removed.

Louis Sullivan, Director of Health and Human Services for the Bush administration was the final speaker of the Conference. As he was introduced, loud whistles, air horns and screams of "Where is George" vaulted the stage barriers and blasted Sullivan with the activists ultimate protest action. Sullivan sat for several minutes and appeared to contemplate whether to speak, and with a burst of energy and anger he walked purposely toward the podium and began his 20 minute presentation. The noise level inside the Moscone Center rose to an ear splitting pitch as Sullivan read his speech on "unity" while dodging flying paper.



Louis Sullivan.

After four days of cooperation with the activists, Conference organizers appeared to be stunned by the extreme persistence of the activists to drown out the Secretary of Human Services. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases commented on the display of anger saying, "There's a line beyond which demonstrations become counterproductive," "The one today left no room for any kind of dialogue. The only possible response was to hold one's ears."

As the Conference came to a close, activists flooded into the streets to join the Lesbian/Gay Freedom Day parade. As they met the on-going parade, they continued the feeling of the conference protest and forced there own path to align themselves with the crowd.

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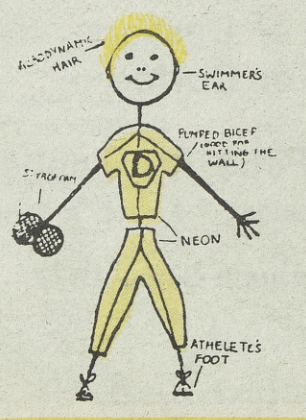

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